

### Near-Term Electricity Prices And How to Respond

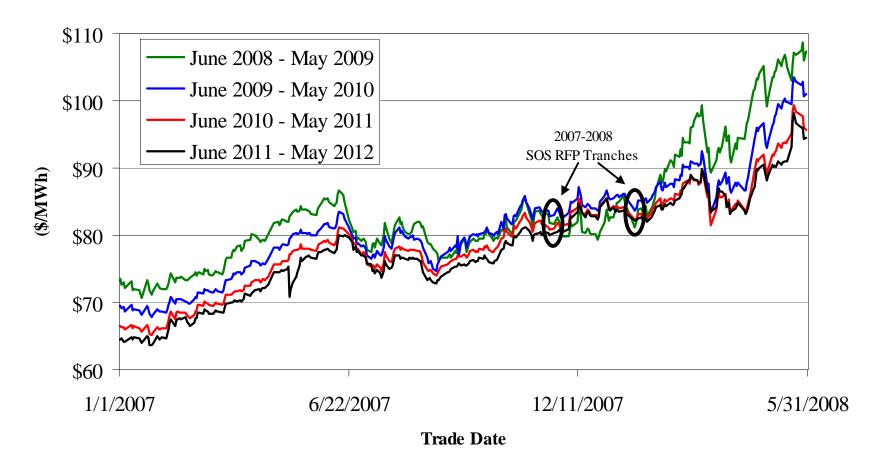
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### NYMEX Futures Price for Peak Electricity at the PJM Western Hub



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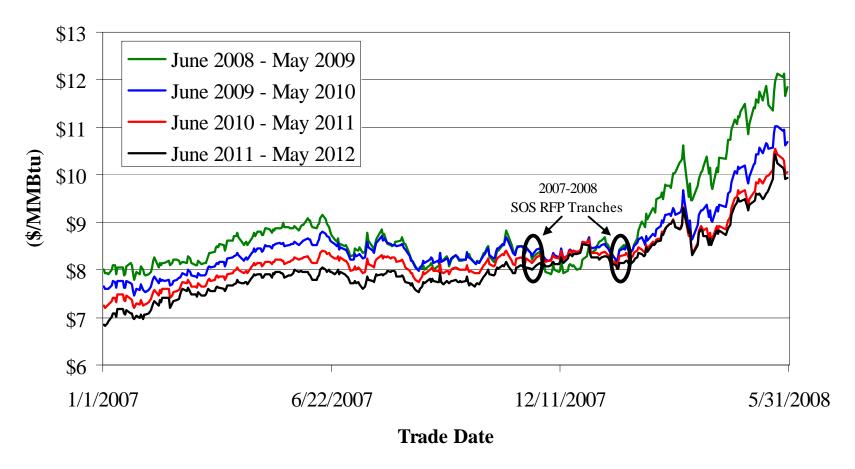
#### PJM RPM Prices

Period	DPL Capacity Price*
(June-May)	[\$/MW-day]
2008/2009	\$148.80
2009/2010	\$191.32
2010/2011	\$178.57
2011/2012	\$110.04

Source: PJM RPM

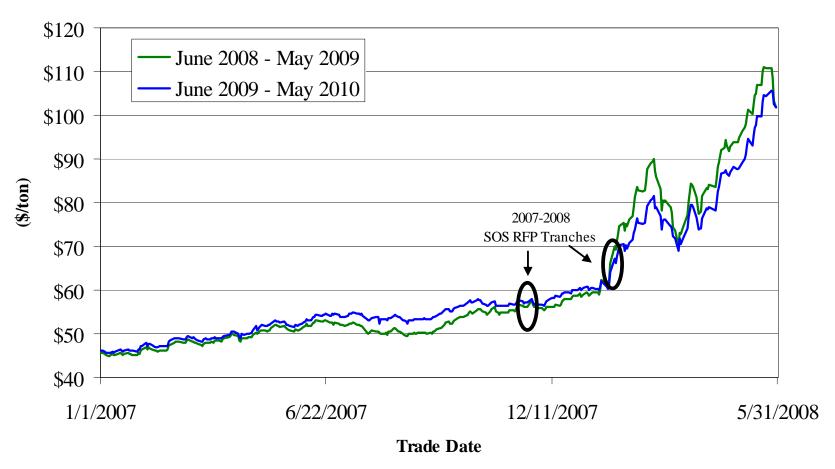
<sup>\*</sup> Preliminary Zonal Capacity Prices

## NYMEX Futures Prices for Natural Gas at Henry Hub



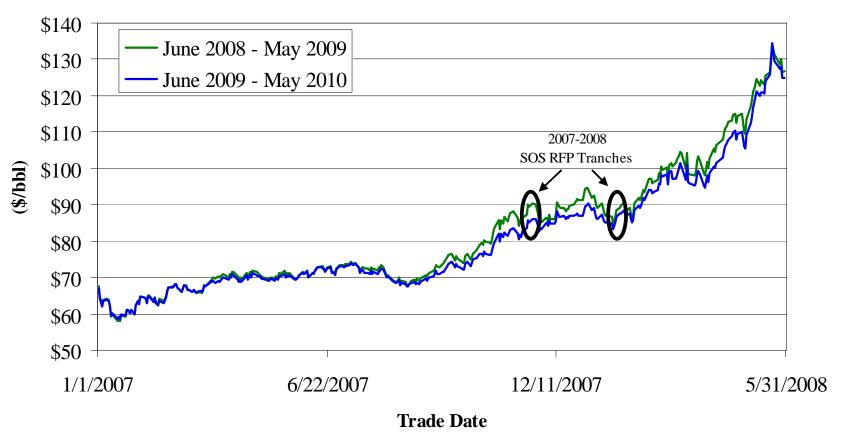
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# NYMEX Futures Prices for Central Appalachian Coal

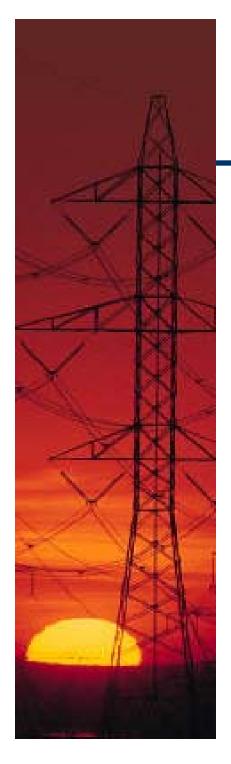


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## NYMEX Futures Prices for Crude Oil (Light Sweet Crude Oil) at Cushing, Oklahoma



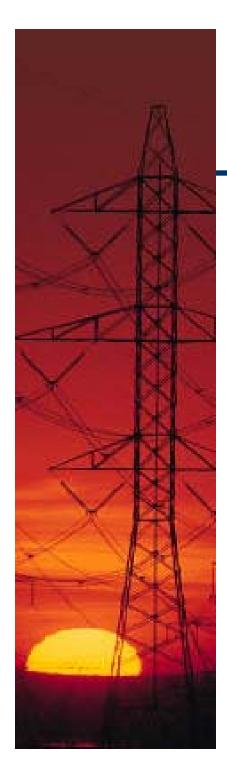
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#### **Construction Cost Inflation**

- Plant construction costs have increased sharply in recent years
  - CERA estimated this past February that plant construction costs increased 27% in the previous 12 months, and 130% since 2000.<sup>1</sup>
  - Iron and Steel are up 17% in the past year.<sup>2</sup>
  - Construction labor costs are also outpacing inflation.<sup>3</sup>
- 1. IHS/CERA Power Capital Costs Index, CERA News Release, February 14, 2008
- 2. BLS, Producer Price Index, Metals and metal products, Iron and Steel; through April 2008
- 3. BLS, Current Employment Statistics Survey, Construction Specialty Trade Contractors (NSA) and Construction Heavy and civil engineering construction (NSA); through April 2008

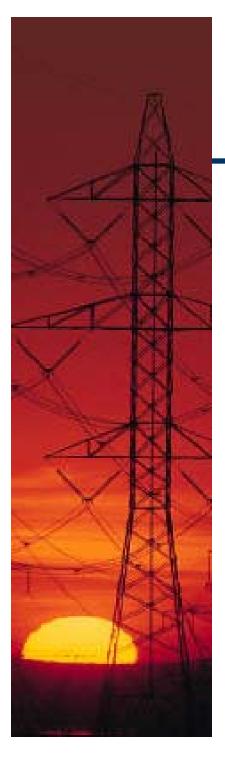
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#### More Reasons Prices May Increase

Climate Change Legislation

 Aging Infrastructure and Reliability Concerns



### How To Respond

- Set Reasonable, Consistent Goals
- Be Practical About Impact on Price
- Educate and Inform Ratepayers
- Assess the Response to Current High Prices
- Invest Wisely for Ratepayers

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